

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims to read:

B5 1. (Amended) A composition of matter which consists of an anionic and a cationic starch wherein at least one of the starches is waxy starch, and said composition is at least slightly cationic.

2. (Amended) A composition of matter according to claim 1 consisting of an anionic and a cationic starch, said composition having an anionic demand of lower than $200\mu\text{eq/l}$.

Please add new claims as follows:

10. (New) A composition of matter according to claim 1, wherein said composition has an anionic demand of less than $100\mu\text{eq/l}$.

B6 11. (New) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is a dry blend of said anionic and cationic starch.

12. (New) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is a slurry.

Please see the Appendix for the amendments.